

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.73
Public Service Commission, on)
its own motion, seeking to)
administer funding for public) ORDER APPROVING USE OF FUNDS,
safety answering points for the) IN PART
implementation and provision of)
Enhanced Wireless 911 service:)
Sheridan County.) Entered: November 13, 2014

BY THE COMMISSION:

On or about October 9, 2014, Sheridan County filed a request for funding to use its wireless enhanced 911 set aside funds for the costs of an upgrade to 911 equipment and software in the amount of **\$135,732.45**. The total cost of the equipment and software is **\$102,010.64**. The cost of the 5-year maintenance contract is **\$33,721.81**. The PSAP's filed wireless call volume is **72%** of total call volume.

The Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board considered the request at its October 20, 2014 meeting and recommended the request be approved.

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

The Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) adopted the permanent cost model to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service under Docket No. 911-019/PI-118.

The Commission previously stated PSAPs may set aside up to seventy-five percent (75%) of their annual allocation for future equipment and software purchases and upgrades.¹ PSAPs may utilize these funds solely for upgrades and replacement of PSAP equipment and software up to their wireless/wireline ratio. Prior to expending these funds, PSAPs must submit an application to the Commission for approval.

Costs for maintenance agreements are not an eligible use of the set aside funds. Sheridan County may use their 2014-2015

¹ *In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to implement provisions of LB 1222 [2006] and to establish a permanent funding mechanism for wireless enhanced 911 service, Application No. 911-019/PI-118 (Feb. 23, 2010).*

annual allocation, subject to the wireless/wireline ratio, to pay the cost of such contracts. Therefore the request to spend set aside funds in the amount of \$33,721.81 is denied.

Based upon the above, the Commission finds that funding request for Sheridan County should be approved in the amount of **\$73,447.66.**

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the request to use set aside funds for Sheridan County is hereby approved, as set forth herein in the amount of **\$73,447.66.**

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 13th day of November, 2014.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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//s//Frank E. Landis